

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal which was filed concurrently and which includes a request for a two month extension of time, as well as all requisite fees.

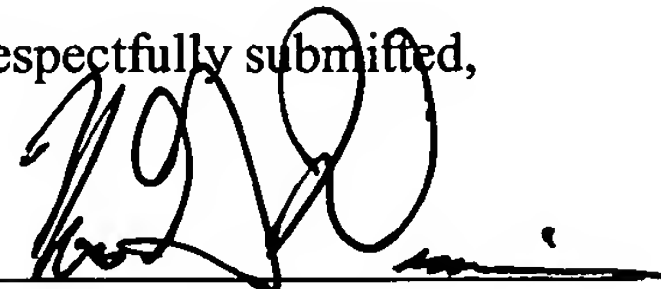
Claims 1-10 are before the Examiner. Claims 8, 9 and 10 have been added to either cover a threshold concentration range where there is a change in particle morphology or to indicate that a "screening step" is not required to obtain the product with a breadth of particle size of at least 0.7. This change in morphology results in the desirable breadth of particle size of at least 0.7. There is no need for the "screening" step referred to by the Examiner in the Final Office Action to obtain the desired product. Support for the added limitation appears on page 1 of the specification. There is no apparent recognition of the threshold potassium concentration in the references. There is no recognition of the claimed process.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner not find the Application to be in allowable condition or believe that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the Application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone undersigned to discuss the case and afford Applicants an opportunity to submit any Supplemental Amendment that might advance prosecution and place the Application in allowable condition.

An early Office Action on the merits of the new claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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